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¶1. (U) In 2007, there were no acts of international terrorism in Tanzania. With United States support, Tanzania continued to take steps to establish a National Counterterrorism Center, a major objective under our Mission Strategic Plan. The purpose of this Center will be to build Tanzania's interagency capacity to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks. Working closely with the United States, Tanzania continued to disrupt terrorist networks to prevent acts of terrorism. Tanzanian law enforcement cooperated with the United States to exchange evidence and testimony on cases related to the 1998 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Dar Es Salaam.

¶2. (U) Tanzania continued its participation in several multi-year programs to strengthen its law enforcement and military capacity, improve aviation and border security, and combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Tanzania showed ongoing willingness to combat terrorist financing. Tanzania cooperated with the United States and complied with its obligations under UN Security Council resolutions. In December 2006, the Tanzanian Parliament passed the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) bill which was enacted in law in January 2007, ending a legislative process that began in 2002 with support from the United States. The AML Bill created a Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) which we anticipate will bolster Tanzania's ability to combat financial crime, including counterterrorist financing. Through the Millennium Challenge Account Threshold program, the United States is supporting Tanzania as it equips and staffs the FIU.

¶3. (U) Tanzanian law enforcement and security forces attempted to identify and monitor terrorist activities and deny use of Tanzanian territory as a safe haven for terrorists. The Government of Tanzania was aware that terrorists could use its territory for transit purposes and did not provide any kind of material assistance to terrorists or terrorist groups.

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